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MAP NOTICE.

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The General Land Office has recently issued an edition of its map of the United States for 1900. In general appearance it differs little from former editions, but the scale has been changed slightly; and as the scale is not given, the reader will find it necessary to determine it from the projection lines. Besides the ordinary recent information assembled upon the map, it presents, by bold lines and lettering, the accessions of territory and the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition. These seem scarcely in keeping with the character of the map, which is certainly not historical.

At the foot of the map are added, upon various scales, small maps or diagrams of our recent accessions of territory. Among them appears "Pine Island," evidently intended for Isle of Pines. The addition of this island in this position in an official map, as a possession of the United States, is a bit of unwisdom, as the implication carried with it cannot fail to irritate our Cuban neighbours.